



November 7, 2006 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at approximately 10:00am by J. Rieske

Members were informed that we would begin with a closed session (Operators only) and then Staff personnel will be invited back for the regular agenda.

General Meeting called to order at approximately 10:30 am.

Attendance list was circulated and is available.
No minutes ere available from the Lake meeting.

11/6/06 Board Meeting Items

Reported by J. Rieske

New officers were introduced.

Chairman - Gary Gibson
Vice-Chair – Tim Eggers
Sec./Treas. – Scott Meierotto
Conference Coordinator – Debbie Ingolia

Board Representation

Due to the hiring of Lisa Ulrich by Empire Gas, the company now has two employees on the Board. The Board unanimously decided that unless a concern was raised by the General Membership, both Lisa and Steve will remain on the Board until Lisa's term would normally expire (November 07).

Treasurers Report

Tax Issues

J. Rieske described the issues regarding missing our 2005 Federal Filing requirements.

- By the time MANGO became aware we were required to file, we were already subject to maximum penalty (\$1,200).
- Gathering of records sufficient to hire a Tax Accountant/Attorney may be difficult if not impossible.
- Propose to submit 2005 with 2006 filing and include a cover sheet acknowledging our error. Actions taken as necessary pending IRS response.

Financial

Gary Gibson reported on Bank Balance

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| Checking Account as of 10/15/06 | \$23,661.05 |
| CD Maturing 11/29/07 | \$8,793.06 |
| CD Maturing 8/30/07 | \$10,339.46 |
| Total Funds | \$42,793.57 |

Motion was made by Russ Burton w/2nd by Lisa Ulrich to accept report.

Public Awareness Task Group

- Last met in the Spring.
- Plans had to be filed with Clearing House by October 7th
- Clearing House has reported to Staff that a number have deficiencies.
- Staff will review and determine what actions are to be taken. Many of the deficiencies may be minor and easily addressed (For example - Neglected to include a Management of Change Section.
- Staff pointed out that even though programs are filed, and next report isn't due until 2010, Operators must continue to work with their plans because they need to be able to demonstrate the exists a process of continuous improvement.

Concerns:

- Complaints by public receiving Phone contact when they are on the "No Call List"
- Confusion when receiving information from multiple entities (Gas Transmission, Products Pipelines etc.)

Moving Forward:

- Missouri One-Call (MOCS) may be able to assist, but do not want to dilute the Damage Prevention message.
- May be able to use State wide message through MissouriNet via Learfield News. A representative from Learfield News will be present at 1:30 pm to discuss.

Damage Prevention

Bill Dexheimer of MOCS talked about their activities

Meetings with interested parties are currently being scheduled for Jan, Feb and March of 07. If there are areas within the state with particular problems, members should contact him and arrange to have a meeting in that area. Would like to resurrect the Regional meetings and possibly coordinate them with the quarterly MOCS Operations meetings when appropriate.

Distribution Integrity

Bob Leonberger gave an update.

- It appears the NPRM will probably not be out until January 2007. If process is as normal, Final Rule in January 2007, with implementation by January 2008.
- Concerned that GPTC Guide and rule may have conflicts that will need to be addressed.
- It appears EFVs are going to be included in some manner.
- May have more prescriptive based requirements for small operators.

It was suggested that the GPTC Guide material be put on the MANGP Website when available if this is possible.

CGA Marking Standards

The CGA has published a set of Best Practices for Marking of Below Grade Facilities. A group of representatives from various Missouri entities (Operators, Excavators, Commission Staff, MO One-Call etc.) met and modified the practices to fit specific Missouri requirements.

MOCS has a document and a Power Point presentation available on their website describing the Practices. For more information go to MO1call.org

The Board felt use of these practices, where ever practical, will be beneficial to all concerned parties. It was suggested that MANGO send a copy of the modified practices, when available, to all operators informing them of the existence of the practice and asking that they consider following the guidelines when possible.

Lake Conference Update/Responsibilities

- Fred Toomey will no longer be able to serve as Conference Coordinator. His hard work and commitment were recognized and greatly appreciated.
- Debbie Ingolia agreed to serve as Conference Coordinator. Duties will be shared by other Board members. Tim will be handling Operator and Vendor Registration. Lisa will be responsible for Food and Steve will be working on the program.
- Other items for consideration:
 - Program – Operators asked to submit suggestions
 - Activities –
 - Night Golf - Well received. Suggestions were made as to how to handle in 2007 and keep cost down.
 - Movie – Pleasant should keep especially if no additional cost.
 - Allow vendors to break down before 5:00 pm on Thursday
 - Plan to have dinners inside, and start serving food a little later.
 - Have longer afternoon breaks on Wednesday
 - Have “Give-A-Ways” after each session, especially late Thursday.
 - Possibility for Outdoor exhibits
 - MGE – CO Trailer
 - Thermo Man

Chapter 319 Enforcement

Bob Leonberger described his contact with the AG's office.

He has been working with Clint Barnet in the AG's office, but no actions taken as of yet.

Not sure how to get the AG's Office to take next step.

Anything the operators could do will be helpful.

Suggestions from the floor

Contact State office holders

Contact Company Lobbyists

New Business

- Mike Loethen of MOPUA described their activities in developing OQ training for smaller operators. A committee will be formed (MGE, Staff, CU and possibly 2 Small Operators/Municipals) to work towards developing a few programs, possibly at the lake conference.
- Jim Gorman of MGE summarized discussions during the closed portion of the meeting regarding the 10(J) inspection requirements. Waiting for a working appliance to initiate service causes delays for builders and unacceptable/unnecessary liability for operators. It should be acceptable to install service, set meter and inspect any appliances/piping present at that time in accordance with 10 (J). 12(S) could then be followed for customer transfer.

Staff's response was that they would see this as backing off from the Rule. The intent of 10(J) is to inspect inside piping and appliances as appropriate. It is their position that this would require a rule change, and is not possible with the current commission.

- Staff was asked to clarify if it is necessary to perform a pressure test when making a meter change. Bob Leonberger stated that only a shut-in test was necessary.
- The issue of "Courtesy Calls" to Staff regarding fires, damage etc. that did not meet the requirements of a "Reportable Incident" was brought up for discussion. Operator's concern is that the data submitted may be discoverable in potential litigation or other possibly unrelated situations and/or has resulted in a data request from Staff. It is Bob's position that they need to be able to respond to questions from the Commissioners. . He is mindful of the operator's concern and will keep the requests as informal as possible.
- The issue of Pandemics and an Operator's obligations under the Safety Regulations versus their ability to complete such activities with available personnel was discussed. Each situation would have to be handled on a case by case basis.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm